

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] Preferably, the pipe comprises the plastics inner tube, the metal tube, and an outer plastics tube, the metal tube being sandwiched between the inner and outer plastics ~~[[tube]] tubes~~, and the heater being in contact with the outer plastics tube. Such a three-walled composite structure is robust and resistant to kinking and, despite the presence of the plastics outer tube, thermal transfer into the tube from the heater can be sufficient in many applications.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] The insulation may comprise first and second preformed layers mounted on the pipe, the first layer extending around the pipe from side surfaces of the cable and having a thickness substantially the same as the thickness of the cable measured from a lower surface of the cable in contact with the pipe, and the second layer extending over the first layer and an upper surface of the cable remote from the pipe. The result is a structure of substantially circular cross section. A circular cross section can also be achieved using a single preformed layer ~~[[or]]~~ of insulation mounted on the pipe, the preformed layer being split longitudinally to define abutting edges which are stepped to accommodate the cable in a space formed between the abutting edges.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Embodiments of the present invention will ~~[[not]]~~ now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which: